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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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DECLINING TREND OF SCIENCE EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the interest of students in science is declining day by day;

(b) if so, the factual position in this regard;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this direction?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (d) : There is no reported decline in the interest of students in science courses at Senior Secondary stage. However, to encourage students to continue their education in basic sciences at higher education level, a scheme called Kishore Vaigyanik Prothsahan Yojana (KVPY) has beenlaunched during 1999-2000 by Department of Science and Technology which targets the young science students at the school and college level. It aims to encourage the students of basic sciences, engineering and medicine to take up research career in these areas.